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Rep. Bernard Schaber on Passage of Redistricting Plan

MADISON – Rep. Penny Bernard Schaber (D-Appleton) released the following statement in response to the 2011 Redistricting Plan:

"I am astounded by the silence of my Republican colleagues. In today's session, history is made with drastic changes to Wisconsin's congressional and legislative districts, resulting in increased polarization and partisanship in our state for the next ten years. They did not stand to speak and did not defend their actions today.

The worst action today came when Assembly Republican's overturned a bill to advance unemployment claims. The job creation goals that were set in the beginning of this session have not been their focus and many people in Wisconsin continue to be unemployed. Tonight the Republicans voted against Wisconsinites and made it harder for the unemployed to receive the much needed support they deserve.

Republicans could not wait to cast a vote to protect their own jobs. Yet they will make people who have just lost their jobs wait before they can receive unemployment benefits. Republican priorities are divisive, backwards and harmful to Wisconsin families."

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